

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A selectively permeable membrane type reactor comprising a catalyst for promoting a chemical reaction, a selectively permeable membrane which selectively allows a specific component to pass therethrough, and a carrier for disposing the catalyst and the selectively permeable membrane, the carrier being a tubular body having two or more gas passages (cells) ~~passage~~ cells partitioned and formed by a partition wall formed of a porous body, the catalyst being individually disposed in some of the cells, the selectively permeable membrane being individually disposed in the remainder of the cells, the cell (reaction cell) in which the catalyst is disposed and the cell (recovery cell) in which the selectively permeable membrane is disposed being adjacently disposed, the carrier including one center cell disposed to include a center axis of the carrier and two or more peripheral cells disposed adjacent to the center cell on a periphery of the center cell, the catalyst being disposed in either the center cell or the peripheral cells, and the selectively permeable membrane being disposed in the ~~another~~other.
2. (Original) The selectively permeable membrane type reactor according to claim 1, wherein the carrier includes the cells partitioned and formed by the partition wall with a thickness of 10 μm to 3 cm.
3. (Original) The selectively permeable membrane type reactor according to claim 1, wherein the catalyst is a pellet-shaped or bead-shaped catalyst, and is disposed in the carrier by filling the cell of the carrier with the pellet-shaped or bead-shaped catalyst in a packed bed manner.

4. (Original) The selectively permeable membrane type reactor according to claim 1, wherein the catalyst is in the shape of a thin film and is disposed in the carrier by forming the catalyst in the shape of a thin film on a surface of the partition wall which partitions and forms the cells of the carrier.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The selectively permeable membrane type reactor according to a claim 1, wherein the carrier is a tubular body with a square, rectangular, or regular hexagonal end face.

7. (Currently Amended) A selectively permeable membrane type reactor comprising a plurality of the selectively permeable membrane type reactors each of which comprises a catalyst for promoting a chemical reaction, a selectively permeable membrane which selectively allows a specific component to pass therethrough, and a carrier for disposing the catalyst and the selectively permeable membrane, the carrier being a tubular body having two or more ~~gas passages (cells)~~passage cells partitioned and formed by a partition wall formed of a porous body, the catalyst being individually disposed in some of the cells, the selectively permeable membrane being individually disposed in the remainder of the cells, the cell (~~reaction cell~~) in which the catalyst is disposed and the cell (~~recovery cell~~) in which the selectively permeable membrane is disposed being adjacently disposed, the carrier including one center cell disposed to include a center axis of the carrier and two or more peripheral cells disposed adjacent to the center cell on a periphery of the center cell, the catalyst being disposed in either the center cell or the peripheral cells, and the selectively permeable membrane being disposed in the ~~another other~~, the selectively permeable membrane type reactors being integrated to form a composite reactor.

8. (Previously Presented) A selectively permeable membrane type reactor comprising a plurality of the selectively permeable membrane type reactors according to claim 7, wherein the carrier includes the cells partitioned and formed by the partition wall with a thickness of 10 μm to 3 cm.

9. (Previously Presented) A selectively permeable membrane type reactor comprising a plurality of the selectively permeable membrane type reactors according to claim 7, wherein the catalyst is a pellet-shaped or bead-shaped catalyst, and is disposed in the carrier by filling the cell of the carrier with the pellet-shaped or bead-shaped catalyst in a packed bed manner.

10. (Previously Presented) A selectively permeable membrane type reactor comprising a plurality of the selectively permeable membrane type reactors according to claim 7, wherein the catalyst is in the shape of a thin film and is disposed in the carrier by forming the catalyst in the shape of a thin film on a surface of the partition wall which partitions and forms the cells of the carrier.

11. (Previously Presented) The selectively permeable membrane type reactor according to claim 7, wherein the carrier is a tubular body with a square, rectangular, or regular hexagonal end face.

12. (New) A selectively permeable membrane type reactor comprising:

a tubular carrier having a plurality of gas passage cells extending therethrough, each cell being partitioned and formed by a porous partition wall, a first one of said cells being positioned along a center axis of the tubular carrier with at least two of said cells being positioned outwardly from but adjacent to said first cell;

a catalyst for promoting a chemical reaction, said catalyst being disposed either in said first cell or in one of said two cells; and

a selectively permeable membrane which selectively allows a specific component to pass therethrough, said membrane being disposed in at least one of said

cells in which said catalyst is not disposed, such that said membrane and said catalyst are separated by said porous partition wall.